

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

October 25, 2005

King-Drew Medical Center must not fail reaccreditation. Failure would not only be a devastating and tragic blow to the community, but also to our already fragile County safety net of public and private hospitals.

We do not have the luxury of time to waste on divided leadership, indecision, or bureaucratic inaction. A recertification visit from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) can occur any day now. The loss of federal funds if King-Drew fails recertification could force closure. That would be unacceptable.

Just extending Navigant's contract is not enough to do the job. We need strong, full-time, undivided leadership focused exclusively on King/Drew and we need it NOW.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT this Board:

1. Designate King/Drew Medical Center hospital administrator Antoinette Epps as the County's Project Director as per the contract to lead the effort from now through the successful CMS recertification and JCAHO re-accreditation;

-- MORE --

MOTION

BURKE	_____
YAROSLAVSKY	_____
KNABE	_____
ANTONOVICH	_____
MOLINA	_____

2. Direct County Departments and request Navigant to take whatever steps are necessary to have the King/Drew Medical Center's contracted management consulting firm report directly to the County's Project Director, effective immediately;
3. Instruct County Counsel to review the extended agreement with the County Project Director to determine whether or not any additional amendments are needed to give maximum possible flexibility to the County Project Director to authorize substitution of the contractor's staff, as long as the total cost does not exceed the maximum contract obligation; and,
4. Instruct the Director of Health Services and County Department heads to give the highest possible priority to supporting our County Project Director in her efforts to regain King/Drew Medical Center's certification and accreditation.

#

RE:e